

THE RIVERTON FREMONT TV CLUB (RFTVC) SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPLY
COMENTS:

THE NAB COMENTS ARE VERY SHORT SITED; IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES IF IT WEREN'T FOR TRANSLATORS, HUNDREDS OF HOMES WOULD BE WITHOUT TV. FOR THE DTV TRANSITION TO WORK, MORE PEOPLE WILL NEED TO VIEW IT. WITHOUT A SECOND CHANNEL, THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO PROVIDE TRANSLATOR OPERATORS A SECOND CHANNEL, EVEN IF IT HAS TO BE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. ALONG WITH THIS SECOND CHANNEL, THE TRANSLATORS SHOULD BE GRANDFATHERED WHEN CONVERTING TO DTV ON THEIR EXISTING LICENSE (SEE COMMENTS BY RFTVC). SOME STATIONS WILL MEET THE SIMPLE MASK AND SOME WON'T, THEREFORE THE NEED TO BE GRANDFATHERED. THE GRANDFATHERED STATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO OPERATE UNTIL THEY FILE FOR A MAJOR CHANGE (AS WAS DONE WITH FM TRANSLATORS). GRANDFATHERED TRANSLATORS AND NEW ONES SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO USE A REGENERATOR BUT COULD USE A PROCESSOR. DTV PROCESSORS WITH SAW FILTERS WILL KEEP ANY ADJACENT CHANNELS FROM LEAKING THROUGH TO THE OUTPUT. THE IF SAW FILTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AS AN ADD ON FOR EXISTING EQUIPMENT. THE OUT OF BAND SPLATTER OF A STATION IS CAUSED BY THE OUTPUT AMPLIFIERS, NOT THE FRONT END OF THE TRANSLATOR. PRECORRECTORS ARE BEING WORKED ON TO CORRECT SOME OF THE SPLATTER. AS THE TECHNOLOGY OF DTV CONTINUES, MANY NEW INNOVATIONS WILL COME TO BE. MAKING ALL EXISTING STATIONS BUY NEW TRANSMITTERS OR A REGENERATOR WOULD CAUSE MANY TO SHUT DOWN, AS MANY OPERATORS HAVE A NUMBER STATIONS, I.E. THE RFTVC HAS 16 PERMITS AND 1 DTV EXPERIMENTAL PERMIT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

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